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Re: Senate Bill 0158  
Letter of Support

## **I. Introduction**

The Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) is the national trade association representing major tire manufacturers that produce tires in the United States, including Bridgestone Americas, Inc., Continental Tire the Americas, LLC; Cooper Tire & Rubber Company; The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; Kumho Tire Co., Inc.; Michelin North America, Inc.; Pirelli Tire North America; Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.; Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc. and Yokohama Tire Corporation. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our views regarding Senate Bill 0158.

## **II. We Support Senate Bill 0158**

We support Senate Bill 0158 which Amends 1986 PA 119 from last year with a technical fix. 1986 PA 119 is intended to address auto parts theft. Senate Bill 0158 addresses the unintended consequence of the broad definition of auto parts to include Tires or Scrap Tires. Michigan has a robust scrap tire management program which address scrap tires.

Therefore we are support Senate Bill 0158.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views. We will continue to stay engaged on scrap tire issues with the legislature and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Respectfully Submitted,

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